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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th and 32nd meetings, on 10 and 21 November 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.26 and 32).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/546).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/52/L.8

4. At its 32nd meeting, on 21 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (A/C.5/52/L.8), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/52/L.8 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[2]

(a) Takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 10,608,000 United States dollars gross (9,987,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of 178,880,900 dollars gross (170,269,700 dollars net) already appropriated under the provisions of Assembly resolution 51/152 B of 13 June 1997, and endorses the observations made by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 5 of its report;[2]

(c) Requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to take the necessary steps to employ locally recruited staff for General Service posts for the Mission commensurate with the operational requirements of such posts and to report to the General Assembly on this matter;

(d) Decides also to keep the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" under review at its fifty-second session.

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[1] A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1.

[2] A/52/546.